



Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION

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EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION NO. 09-003

High Priority Transportation Request for BIA 700 North

WHEREAS, The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation is organized under a Constitution and By-Laws adopted by the members of the Tribe on August 1-2, 1966 and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on August 25, 1966, and last amended effective November 15, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, The said Constitution and By-laws ARTICLE VII, Section 1 authorizes the Tribal Council to: (a) represent the Tribe in all negotiations with Federal, State and local governments; (g) to take actions by ordinance, resolution or otherwise which are reasonably necessary through committees, boards, agents, otherwise, to carry into effect the foregoing purposes; and (h) to promote public health, education, charity, and other services as may contribute to the social advancement of the members of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation; and,

WHEREAS, ARTICLE III, Section 2 of the Constitution and By-laws of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate authorizes the Executive Committee of the Tribe to act on behalf of the Tribal Council in matters arising between sessions of the Tribal Council, subject to review by the Tribal Council; and,

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States is addressing the high priority transportation projects throughout the United States and Indian Country with consideration of the funding being authorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU, P.O. 109-59); and,

WHEREAS, The current Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan for 2009-2013 does not have sufficient funding to the address the critical replacement or repairs to BIA Highway 700 North or its culverts until 2013 especially because the petroleum and construction materials are more costly; and,

WHEREAS, The replacement and upgrade of BIA Highway 700 is the primary access of Tribal Government to all points radiating from Agency Village; and,

WHEREAS, The operation of three Tribal businesses is completely dependent on the access of BIA Highway 700 from either Sisseton, South Dakota, or Interstate 29; and,

WHEREAS, The unsafe road conditions impact the local access for the Tribal School, Tribal College, two Early Headstart bus routes, and sole access two Tribal Housing areas, two Tribal elderly housings and the Tribe is still seeking to build additional housing at the Barker Hill complex which will make access to Sisseton and safer bus routes a high priority; and,

WHEREAS, The High Priority Project replaces and repairs a residential roadway into a commercial grade roadway for the heaviest volume of local Tribal traffic on the reservation and address the current commercial and governmental travel brings semi-trucks and heavy equipment into the area which is breaking up the surface of the roads designed for light vehicular traffic; and,

WHEREAS, There is current construction project work taking place at the south end of BIA Highway 700 and Veterans Memorial Drive this construction season for the remaining length of the high way; and

WHEREAS, The redistribution of future IRR funding can supplement 5% of the road project with minimal impact on the Long-Range Transportation Plan and the project funding request is for 95% of the total estimated cost of \$12,300,000 for a funding request of \$11,690,000 to establish a safe continuous route to Long Hollow District.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Executive Council of the Lake Traverse Reservation hereby authorizes the High Priority Transportation Request to Congressional Representative Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin for replacing BIA Highway 700 North; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Executive Council of the Lake Traverse Reservation hereby explicitly supports project work on BIA Highway 700 North; and,



FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Executive Council of the Lake Traverse Reservation herein authorizes that this Letter of Support is provided to the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee for inclusion in the reauthorization of the SAFETEA-LU high priority projects in 2009.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned duly elected Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Executive Council, which is composed of 3 members, of whom 2 constituting quorum, were present at a Tribal Council meeting, duly noticed, called, convened and held at the TiWakan Tio Tipi, Agency Village, South Dakota, April 27, 2009, by a vote of 2 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent from vote, 1 not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 27th of April, 2009.


Michael I. Selvage, Sr., Tribal Chairman
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

ATTEST:


Delbert Hopkins, Jr., Tribal Secretary
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

cc: Tribal Planning and Economic Development Department
Tribal Attorney